

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A bag having heat sealed parts formed at left and right side edge portions of said bag and a bottom portion that is closed up, wherein, at the top of said bag, a first heat sealed part that closes up a top opening to seal the contents therein is formed along an upper edge portion of said bag and a second heat sealed part is formed diagonally to extend from said first heat sealed part to one of said side heat sealed parts at the left and right side edge portions, and wherein, when said bag is can be opened by ripping along tearing below said upper edge portion from a notch for opening, at least part of said first heat sealed part is ripped away and part of said second heat sealed part remains behind on a main part of said bag side opposite the side contacted by said diagonal seal across the bag toward said diagonal seal.

2. (Original) The bag according to claim 1 wherein said bag is of free-standing type.

3. (Previously amended) The bag according to claim 1, wherein said bag contains a cleaning agent or a chemical.

4. (Previously amended) The bag according to claim 1, wherein the contents of said bag are in the form of a powder or lumps.

5. (New) A bag according to claim 1 wherein said bag contains a notch on the side of the bag to facilitate said tearing.

6. (New) A method of dispensing the contents from a supported bag according to claim 1 comprising tearing the bag below said upper edge from a side opposite a side contacted by a diagonal seal and toward said diagonal seal to form an opening in the bag and tipping the bag to expel at least a portion of its contents.

7. (New) A method according to claim 6 wherein at least a portion of said upper seal remains connected to said bag after tearing.